

Monson Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes for

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Present: Madeline (chairman), Jenna Berry, Jan Demaio

Also present: Kim Uliana, Elizabeth Manley, Mary Hull

The meeting was called to order by Madeline at 5:15 pm

The first order of business was to discuss the pool and follow up with the discussions for repairs from the last meeting. Elizabeth Manley (pool director) contacted a company in Chicopee about the pool cover removal and disposal. They gave a bid. The company is insured and once approved and scheduled, it will only take a day to complete. Paul Demaio also contacted a company and the 2nd quote would be less than \$2000.

We discussed draining the pool and a temporarily shutting down the pool after camps end on August 6th. The fire department could drain the pool and Custom Aquatics could come in and work on repairs that are needed. An estimate was sent to Liz and forwarded to all of the commissioners.

Jan made a motion to drain the pool and have Custom Aquatics come in, possibly around August 9th.

Jenna seconded.

All were in favor. The motion passed.

Liz had questioned how the lifeguards should be paid during the camp weeks, as they are working for the camps as well as for the pool. We agreed to discuss further if camp hours should come out of camp funds and not pool.

Madeline made a motion to approve the June 17th and May 13th meeting minutes.

Jenna seconded. Minutes were approved.

National Night Out is a free family event put out by the police will be held on August 3rd. Some highlights will be a meat smoking contest, car shows, egg toss, fast pitch and a Lion's Club movie. Would Parks and Rec like to have a booth? We could have soccer information and free t-shirts. Kim will look through the inventory of t-shirts.

Jan made a motion to allow the use of Parks & Recreation equipment for the event.

Jenna seconded.

Current CPC projects – Additional ramps for the Skate Park at Veteran’s Field. Looking into getting kid and parent swings at Upper Rogers Park.

The topic of field usage came up and Jenna made a motion to set field usage at a flat rate of \$400. We were wondering what other towns might be charging. Kim had said she could ask a few surrounding towns.

Summer camps have been busy. We had over 40 campers for our second week. Soccer sign-ups are also going well. Julie Crofts will be returning to run the First Start Program and also to coach the 1st & 2nd grade division. It was suggested that we might want to see if Mike Murphy would be interested in running a fall soccer clinic/camp.

The next meeting was scheduled tentatively for August 19th at 5pm.

The meeting closed at 6:15 pm.

Minutes taken by,

Kim Uliana